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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

My campus, UC-Santa Barbara, held a half-day gender equity summit meeting early this Fall and the experience triggered my historian's instinct to reflect on the last three decades of women's entry into the ranks of the professoriate. There is much to celebrate in comparing the UC of 1970 to today, but this meeting's goal was to identify and discuss the persistent, often subtle obstacles to gender equity that still remain. The keynote speaker was State Senator Jackie Speier (Dem-San Francisco/San Mateo), who has held hearings on the status of UC women faculty for the last three years in order to jolt the university into realizing that serious inequities still exist. UC moves at glacial speed, Speier observed, and she is right. The large changes I've seen over my own career (e.g. going from 2 to 20 women in UCSB's History Department) took 30 years to materialize. That's evolution, not revolution.

We're at a historic juncture, which many people haven't fully realized: despite the extremely bleak state budget, UC is actually in an expansionist mode. Driven by demographics—the expanding college-age population, and even more the aging faculty—UC officially projects 7,000 new faculty hires in the decade from 2000-2010. That number seems hard to credit, but even if it shrank to half that (which could happen if average retirement age moves up to the 70s in response to the bad economy), it is clear that we're on the cusp of a huge opportunity to put a new face on the UC faculty. The trouble is, two years into that predicted hiring surge, gender imbalance (new hires as compared to availability pools) is demonstrable.

All colleges and universities face a version of this surge, I suspect; it is the natural outcome of the large expansion of higher education in the 1960s, as

the generation hired then moves toward retirement now. This is the big moment of opportunity we've waited 30 years for and it is unfortunate that it comes just as the economy is in a serious downturn. In the short run, replacement hiring will probably slow down, people will retire later, and faculty of younger ages will face bigger classes. But the underlying need for young professors is unstoppable. My own department made five offers and four hires last year, and the job ads I'm seeing from other UCs in this recruitment season do not suggest any hiring freeze in effect.

My message here is one of cautious optimism: there will be jobs, and the women hired will find a different campus climate from the one many of us encountered 30 years ago. My own institution has come far in instituting policies that chip away at systemic causes of gender inequality. We have serious studies of salary inequities, family-friendly policies like childbearing leave and "active-service modified duties" for parents of infants, tenure clock-stoppage provisions, domestic partner benefits, and a good representation of women in campus leadership positions. But the best campus policies that help advance women's careers won't mean much if we don't also seriously attend to the hiring moment, when women enter the academy doors. So far, that

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WAWH ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Confirmed 2004 WAWH Conference Dates

The 2004 conference will be held May 21-23, 2004, at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

The conference program will be mailed to all **current** members in early March. Pre-registration will be due April 25, 2004. This year a late fee will be charged for all pre-registration received after that date. Updated information will be posted to the web when it becomes available.

#### WAWH Web Working Again

The organizational web site fell victim to the barrage of worms and viruses that hit many institutions in September. Claremont Graduate University hosts [www.wawh.org](http://www.wawh.org). With the fixes that were needed to get the institutional network up and running again, adjustments were made which affected our site. Luckily, we are well supported by the IT staff of CGU and Ed Bishop and Ed Mefferd worked on the problem until it was fixed. Thanks to them both.

#### Fiscal Year Change

As approved by the executive committee, the fiscal year of the WAWH has been changed from May 1 to April 30 to January 1 to December 31. This will facilitate the treasurer's job of completing a treasurer's report to present at the annual conference.

#### Change in Newsletter Volume Number

After reading old newsletters (see "The Hunt for the WAWH Archives" column on page 4) the volume number has been adjusted to its correct number: 33.

### CONFERENCE AND EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Most Segregated Hour: Race and Religion in the American West

February 27-8 2004

Claremont Graduate University

This conference seeks to bring together participants from both the academic and religious communities in order to engage in discussions over how regional, racial, ethnic and religious categories inform and have informed questions of identity politics, cultural interactions, and theological concerns. For more information please email: [Bradshaw@cgu.edu](mailto:Bradshaw@cgu.edu).

The Medieval Association of Mid-America will hold its annual conference at the University of Missouri, Columbia, on February 7th, 2004. Marilyn Stokstad will be the featured speaker. Papers and panel proposals (one page, with contact information) on any aspect of the European Middle Ages are welcome and should be addressed to Prof. Lois L. Huneycutt, Department of History, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211 by December 12, 2003. Electronic

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## Thank you Donors

Thank you to the people who have made donations to the WAWH between July 6, 2003 and October 1, 2003.

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the members who have joined between July 6, 2003 and October 1, 2003.

Woman's Collection,  
Texas Women's  
University

Emily Burrill  
Karen P. Miller

Sara Moslener  
Thomas C. Olson

Christina Tworek  
Kendra Van Cleave

## MEMBER NEWS

**Ginette Aley** published her article "Rural Midwestern Women and Region" in *Agricultural History* v. 77 (3) Summer 2003.

**Amy Essington** is co-facilitating the Faculty Learning Community, "Teaching Women's Studies Courses," at the Claremont Colleges. She is also serving as the Graduate Student Representative on the Curriculum Committee for the Intercollegiate Women's Studies of the Claremont Colleges.

**Kathleen Kennedy** recently co-edited two collections: *Sexual Borderlands: Constructing an American Sexual Past* with Sharon Ullman (Ohio State Press, 2003) and *Athena's Daughters: Televisions New Woman Warriors* with Frances Early (Syracuse University Press, 2003)

**Karen Kossie-Chernyshev** is a Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion and African American Studies at Oberlin College. She was granted an Ottis Lock Research Award by the East Texas Historical Association for her research project "Mapping African American Pentecostalism in the Southwest." She is using property records to examine the growth of black Pentecostal churches and measure the impact of women's contributions as property donors.

**Judy Kutulas** won a Schlesinger Library Research Grant to travel to Harvard and add gender to her research on the American Civil Liberties Union.

The exhibition on the history of the California Suffrage campaign, originally put together by **Jeanne McDonnell**, is on display in the San Francisco Opera House during the performances of "The Mother Of Us All," which is really an interesting (though "fantasy") opera. Please check the International Museum of Women (IMOW) website for further information [www.imow.org](http://www.imow.org)

**Alexandra M. Nickliss** was elected Vice-Chair of the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. The SOTF was created to oversee open government in San Francisco.

**Jessica Weiss** joined WAWH members Mary Ann Irwin and Anthea Hartig on a panel for the AHA-PCB in Honolulu in August. Weiss's paper is entitled "Combining Home and a Career: Gender and Public Life in Oakland, CA 1957-1964." In November she will present "Red Betty: Communism, Domesticity, and Feminism and the Response to The Feminine Mystique," at the Social Science History Association in Baltimore.

**Share your accomplishments. Include your professional news in the next newsletter.**

Send your member news to Sara Patterson, Networker Editor, History Department, Claremont Graduate University, 121 E. 10th Street, Claremont, CA 91711 or e-mail to: [sara.patterson@cgu.edu](mailto:sara.patterson@cgu.edu). An online form is also available at [www.wawh.org](http://www.wawh.org). Your information will be included in the next Networker.

## THE HUNT FOR THE WAWH ARCHIVE-PART I

Over the last five years, I had heard rumors of a WAWH archive. The fact that one existed was not in question, but where it was and who had it last was the uncertainty. Was it in someone's garage, closet, or office? Unless one asked the right person the right question, the right answer might never appear. Finally, at the conference last June, the person with the needed information was found. WAWH material was located at CSU Sacramento in their Archives. After some investigation, several phone calls, multiple emails, and a trip to Sacramento, documents were finally located. For some reason, we were filed under miscellaneous organizations and the archivists had to do some digging to find it. But they did.

As a group of historians, our organization has fallen down in maintaining a systematic record of our history. Some individuals have worked to create a record keeping system of our organizational history, maintain notebooks for officers, create job descriptions, and deposit newsletters in archives. Unfortunately, in other years, this document creation and record keeping of our history was not as systematic as it could have been.

In the 1970s, the first seven years of newsletters were catalogued at the Sac State Archive. WAWH members at Sac State, the institution of the WAWH President at that time, submitted the documents to the archive. While waiting for the library assistants to copy this gold mine of material for me, I decided to search around into the computerized database to see if the *Networker* existed anywhere else. As it turns out, the Woman's Collection at Texas Women's University had large sections of the gap between the material at Sac State and the collection of newsletters from the most recent years that I already

had. Some web searching, emailing, and phone calls later, the archivist of the Woman's Collection of Periodicals agreed to copy and send me the information they had. A box arrived in the mail shortly thereafter. Again, it was the forethought of a member to submit the *Networker* to the Woman's Collection. After more searching, I discovered more copies of the newsletter at the Schlesinger Library. They currently receive our newsletter (and the Woman's Collection at TWU is back on the list), and, luckily, have been receiving it for many years. I have contacted them and am working to get copies of the ten newsletters they have that I do not have which are within the years 1991 to 1996.

Since 1970, I estimate that seventy-eight editions of the newsletter have been produced as well as one special edition. Most years there have been three editions, some years four, and some years less. The reason that I am estimating is that a few gaps remain and I can not be certain until the newsletters are in my hands. Do you have these newsletters? Please look in your filing cabinets or boxes in the garage (especially the unlabeled ones that one that you are not sure of the contents). Some of these newsletters may never be found, but I am hopeful that we can work put together as complete a set as possible.

The missing newsletters are:

- 1975-76 Volume 6, No. 1, 2, 3
- 1976-77 Volume 7, No. 3
- 1977-78 Volume 8, No. 1, 2
- 1979-80 Volume 10, No. 3
- 1980-81 Volume 11, No. 3

Rather than reinventing the wheel of documents repeatedly, I believe one of the next goals of the WAWH is to create an archival policy, appoint an internal archivist, and begin systematically submitting documentation to an archive. If you are interesting in this assisting with this project, or have any suggestions, please contact me at [aessington@aol.com](mailto:aessington@aol.com).

Next time: "The Hunt for the WAWH Archives, Part 2." Did the missing copies turn up and tid-bits of the history of the organization.

Amy Essington  
Treasurer

P.S. One of the things I have discovered is the misnumbering of volumes over the years. This edition corrects the errors by changing the volume number to 33.

### Definite 2004 WAWH

Conference Dates:  
UC Santa Barbara  
May 21-23, 2004

Early March 2004:  
2004 WAWH Conference Program  
Mailed to All Current Members

April 25, 2004:  
2004 Conference Pre-registration due  
(Late fee charged after April 25th)

Check the web for updated information

## SIERRA BOOK PRIZE FUNDRAISING

Dear WAWH Member:

For more than thirty years, the Western Association of Women Historians has been supporting women historians and the history of women. The oldest independent organization of women historians in the West, the WAWH has a long history of holding annual meetings, most recently at UC Berkeley. The WAWH recognizes excellence in its members by awarding the Founders Dissertation Fellowship for graduate students, the Judith Lee Ridge Prize for the best article, Barbara "Penny" Kanner Prize for bibliography and autobiography, and the Sierra Book Prize for the best book published by a member.

WAWH members have been generous in giving both time and money to make these awards possible. The fund for the Sierra Prize has become so low, however, that there is an urgent need to raise money to replenish this important organizational award.

We need your help. Your contribution truly matters; without it, the Sierra Book Prize may very well become a thing of the past.

Please send your *tax-deductible* contribution today. All amounts will be gratefully received, but we urge you to be as generous as possible. Make your check out to WAWH and mark it for the Sierra Book Prize Fund.

Send it to:

Sierra Book Prize Fund  
Amy Essington  
7043 E. Hanbury Street  
Long Beach, CA 90808-2321

Thank you for making the WAWH a proud and effective organization. We know that you will want to help assure the continuation of the Sierra Book Prize.

Sincerely,  
Nupur Chaudhuri

## HOW YOU CAN HELP WAWH!

### INFORMATION

One of the goals for the next year is to include in the database as much as possible, all records of positions held by members and all awardees. Some lists are more complete than others. A list of previous presidents is complete.

If you have been or know of someone who was an officer, an award chair OR committee member, program chair OR committee member, ad hoc anything, or award recipient (especially graduate student fellowship awardees—what we have is listed on the web), please let me know. Even if you are certain that I may have the information, please send your name, past position, and years you served.

Contact Amy Essington at [aessington@aol.com](mailto:aessington@aol.com).

### ARCHIVAL MATERIAL

Do you hang onto old newsletters, conference programs, annual reports?

Check your garages and filing cabinets!

We are looking to complete a run of the *Networker* (see column on page 4) as well as collect a set of old conference programs (see next newsletter).

Contact Amy Essington at [aessington@aol.com](mailto:aessington@aol.com) if you can help recreate the historical record.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to serve the WAWH in some way? Prize committees, conference planning, fund raising, recruitment? Contact Patricia Cline Cohen at [pcohen@history.ucsb.edu](mailto:pcohen@history.ucsb.edu).

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submissions are encouraged and should be sent to: HuneycuttL@missouri.edu. Graduate presenters are eligible to compete for the James Falls paper prize; details on how to apply will be sent upon submission of abstract.

A year ago, the works of a woman painter named Betty Long Rader (1926-2001) were discovered in a consignment warehouse. The Friends of Morton and Betty Rader is working to buy her paintings from her estate and to secure venues for exhibition. Betty's work is now on view at the World Trade Club in San Francisco; the Institute for Historical Study may have a tour there some time this fall. The other exhibition will begin November 15th at the Chapline Gallery in Stinson Beach; reception on the 15th at 5 p.m. with wine and cheese.

### FELLOWSHIPS AND PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITIES

The UCLA Center for 17th- & 18th-Century Studies and the William Andrews Clark Memorial Library offer a number of fellowships in support of research in the area of early modern studies and in other areas representative of the holdings of the Clark. The Clark is a rare book library specializing in the sev-

enteenth and eighteenth centuries. It also has a renowned collection centering on Oscar Wilde and the culture of the fin de siècle as well as significant holdings of modern fine printing and Western Americana. Detailed information about all the programs, as well as applications, can be found on <http://www.humnet.ucla.edu/humnet/c1718cs>.

Inquiries and requests for printed application materials should be addressed to the:

Fellowship Coordinator  
UCLA Center for 17th- & 18th-Century Studies

310 Royce Hall, 405 Hilgard Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1404

Phone: 310-206-8552; Fax: 310-206-8577

E-mail: [c1718cs@humnet.ucla.edu](mailto:c1718cs@humnet.ucla.edu)

The application deadline for fellowships to be held in 2004-05 is February 1, 2004.

Call for book authors: NOVA Science Publishers is publishing a series titled First Men, America's Presidents and selected presidents are still to be assigned. Each book is to be between 200-300 published pages and the manuscript due date is December 2005. If interested please contact series editor Dr. Barbara Bennett Peterson, Professor of History, Oregon State University by electronic e-mail for guidelines and the unassigned presidential list at [fandbpeterson@aol.com](mailto:fandbpeterson@aol.com).

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN CONTINUED

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door has not been opened wide to women. Is it the chilling effect of Prop 209? Is it complacency over evolutionary change?

If you are based at a college or university, check out the demographics on your campus and attend to the hiring trends. We need to make sure that a fair share of those new hires includes the groups that have been historically underrepresented on campuses: women, and especially minority women. The WAWH has a diverse membership, with many at the graduate school and beginning levels of professional commitment to history. It is their future we are ensuring when we monitor the projected hiring surge.

Patricia Cohen  
President WAWH

## 2004 WAWH AWARDS AND PRIZES

### Barbara Penny Kanner Award

The Western Association of Women Historians will award \$500 to the best scholarly bibliographical and historical guide to research focused on women or gender history. The Kanner Award is intended to promote the practice of bibliomethodology or autobiography in historical context. The bibliomethodology award should reflect the critical tools of the historian's craft as they have been developed to provide research guides rather than library catalogues. The autobiography in historical context award should reflect the craft of history as developed and interpreted in individual lives. Book-length submissions are preferred but substantial guides in other forms (articles or book chapters) may also be considered. The bibliographical and the autobiography awards will be given in alternate years, with submissions for each award considered for two-year intervals from the date of publication.

This year's award will be autobiographical and an item published in 2002 or 2003.

THE DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15, 2004.

Send THREE copies of your submission as well as a statement that the applicant is a current WAWH member to:

MariaElena Raymond

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530-735-6596

mariaraymond@afes.com

### Judith Lee Ridge Prize

The WAWH will award \$100 for the best article in the field of history published by a WAWH member. All recipients shall be members of the WAWH for at least one year prior to submission. Eligibility is limited to two groups: those residing in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming or the Western Canadian Provinces; and WAWH members residing in other states who have paid membership for three years (not necessarily consecutive years). The article must have been published in 2001 or 2002. All fields of history will be considered, and articles must be submitted with full scholarly apparatus.

THE DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15, 2004.

Three (3) copies of the article, as well as a statement that the applicant is a current WAWH member, should be mailed to: TBA

### Founders Dissertation Fellowship

The WAWH invites applications for its 2003 Founders Dissertation Fellowship. Applicants must be members of the WAWH, advanced to candidacy, writing the dissertation at

the time of the application, and expecting to receive the Ph.D. no earlier than December 2003. The \$1000 award may be used for any expenses related to the dissertation. A complete application must be received by January 15, 2003. The fellowship recipient will be announced at the WAWH Annual Conference. Applicants for a WAWH Founders Dissertation Fellowship must submit the following to the selection committee:

a. A completed application form. A curriculum vita is not an acceptable substitute.

b. A summary of the dissertation project, an explanation of its historical scholarship, a survey of the major primary sources, a summary of research already accomplished, and an indication of plans for completion of the dissertation in no more than five double-spaced pages.

c. One confidential letter of recommendation from a dissertation committee member sent directly to the Founders Dissertation Fellowship Committee. A file maintained by a university office is not an adequate substitute for the specified letters of reference.

THE DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15, 2004.

For further information and application forms, please contact:

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### Sierra Book Prize

The Western Association of Women Historians (WAWH) will award the 2003 Sierra Book Prize (\$250) for the best monograph in the field of history published by a WAWH member. Eligibility of the prize is limited to two groups: those residing in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming or the Western Canadian Provinces; and WAWH members residing in other states who have paid membership for three years (not necessarily consecutive years). The book must be a monograph based on original research (not an anthology or edited work). It must have been published in 2002. Books previously issued as hardback and reissued as paper can not be submitted more than once. Books can not be submitted more than once. The Prize is open to all fields of history.

THE DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15, 2004.

Three (3) copies of the book must be submitted as well as a statement that the applicant is a current WAWH member. Please send the copies to:

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## MEMBER NEWS

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Notice of publication or other member news \_\_\_\_\_

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## WAWH CALENDAR

November 1, 2003	Fall 2003 <i>Networker</i> mailed
February 1, 2003	Deadline for submissions for Spring 2004 <i>Networker</i>
March 1, 2004	Spring 2004 <i>Networker</i> mailed
Early March 2004	2004 WAWH Conference Program Mailed to All Current Members
April 25, 2004	2004 Conference Pre-registration due (Late fee charged after April 25th)
May 21-23, 2004	Annual WAWH Conference, University of California, Santa Barbara

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